

Introducing the DS-160 U.S. Visa Application Form



U.S. Embassy, Quito

Background

- New online DS-160 nonimmigrant visa (NIV) application form
- Replaces the following forms:
 - DS-156 “Nonimmigrant Visa Application”
 - DS-157 “Supplemental Nonimmigrant Visa Application”
 - DS-158 “Contact Information and Work History for Nonimmigrant Visa Applicant”
- Mandatory as of June 1, 2010

Advantages to Applicants

- One form instead of three
- Completely online – nothing to fill out by hand
- Family and group feature – no need to fill in identical data more than once
- Save feature – don't need to complete all at once
- Frequent applicants can save application for reuse
- Print only a single confirmation page

Application Process

Pay Fee

- At Banco de Guayaquil

Make Appointment

- 1-800-010-145 in Ecuador
- 1-800-919-5290 in the USA

Complete Form

- Online at <https://ceac.state.gov/genniv/>

Only the application form has changed – Other parts of the process remain the same

Interview

- At Embassy
- Fingerprint

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Step 1 – Accessing the Application

- Go to <https://ceac.state.gov/genniv>
- Read the instructions and press “Start Application”

The screenshot shows the U.S. Department of State Consular Electronic Application Center (CEAC) Nonimmigrant Visa Application page. The header includes the U.S. Department of State logo and the text "U.S. DEPARTMENT of STATE CONSULAR ELECTRONIC APPLICATION CENTER". A language selection dropdown is set to "English". The main heading is "Nonimmigrant Visa Application". Below this is the "Instructions" section, which welcomes users and provides a list of requirements for the browser and operating system. A note mentions that download times may vary. The "Instructions for completing the online Nonimmigrant Visa Application" section lists four steps: 1. Enter the information requested into the appropriate spaces in each window. Please answer all questions. Your answers must be in English and must use English characters, except when you are asked to provide your full name in your native alphabet. Letters like ñ, ã, ü, ç are not recognized by the system. Please enter names like Muñoz and Sémolin as Munoz and Semonin, unless otherwise asked. 2. Review the information you entered for accuracy. 3. Print the confirmation page. 4. Bring the confirmation page with you at all steps during the visa application process. A "Start Application" button is located at the bottom of the instructions section. A blue arrow points from the text "press 'Start Application'" in the list to this button. At the bottom of the page, a footer states: "This site is managed by the Bureau of Consular Affairs, U.S. Department of State. External links to other Internet".

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Select Your Language: English

Nonimmigrant Visa Application

Instructions

Welcome to the Consular Electronic Application Center Instructions page. This online Nonimmigrant Visa Application can be completed in order to assist you in expediting the visa application process.

What you need:

- Your Internet browser must support 128-bit encryption and must have javascript enabled.
- The minimum version of Internet Explorer (Windows) that this site supports is version 5.0 service pack 2 or higher.
- The minimum version of Netscape that this site supports is version 6.2 or higher.

Note: The time to download each page may vary depending on the speed of your Internet connection. Please be patient.

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4. Bring the confirmation page with you at all steps during the visa application process.

Notice: 22 C.F.R. § 41.103 requires an applicant to sign and submit his or her own Nonimmigrant Visa Application unless otherwise exempt. Although the applicant may receive assistance from a third party in preparing the application, the applicant is required to click the "Sign Application" button at the end of the application. The applicant's failure to sign the application may result in a termination of the application.

Start Application

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Step 2 – Choose the Embassy

- Choose the Embassy or Consulate where you will apply
- Press “Test Photo” to begin uploading your photo

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Getting Started

SELECT ONE -
BAGHDAD, IRAQ
CIUDAD JUAREZ, MEXICO
DUBLIN, IRELAND
GUADALAJARA, MEXICO
HERMOSILLO, MEXICO
HAMILTON, BERMUDA
TOKYO, JAPAN
MERIDA, MEXICO
MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA
MOSCOW, RUSSIA
MONTREAL, CANADA
MATAMOROS, MEXICO
MONTERREY, MEXICO
NOGALES, MEXICO
NUEVO LAREDO, MEXICO
PODGORICA, MONTENEGRO
PERTH, AUSTRALIA
ST. PETERSBURG, RUSSIA
SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA
TIJUANA, MEXICO
TRIPOLI, LIBYA
VANCOUVER, CANADA
VLADIVOSTOK, RUSSIA
YEKATERINBURG, RUSSIA
PODGORICA, MONTENEGRO

Click the button below to test your photo:

Test Photo

Click here to review the photo standards guide

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Step 3 – Upload Photo

- Browse to your photo and press “Upload Selected Photo”
- If your photo meets the quality standards, you can press “Continue Using This Photo”
- If your photo does not pass, press “Continue Without A Photo”
- Note: Even if your photo uploads and meets quality standards, please bring a copy with you on the day of the interview.



Step 4 – Fill In The Form

- [illegible]

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Saving an Application

- If you can't finish in one sitting, you can save the application to your hard drive and continue later
- Press “Save” at the bottom of any data entry page
- Press “Save Application to File”
- Press “Save” and navigate to the place you want to save your application



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Retrieving a Saved Application

- Browse to a saved application file
- Press “Upload Data”

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COMPLETE REVIEW SIGN

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Getting Started

- Prepared
- Introduction
- Registration
- Profile
- Upload Application
- Review Application
- Payment
- Print
- Print Confirmation
- Security and Background
- Final
- Consular Interview
- Interview
- Temporary Interview
- Visa

Upload a Previous Application

Click 'Browse' and select the previously saved application file you wish to upload. Next, answer the security questions to validate that the correct file has been selected, then click 'Upload Data'. Finally, click on the 'Next' button at the bottom of each page until the last completed page has been reached and continue the application process.

Previously Saved Application File

File Path:
H:\CEACAA0000K\DOF.DAT [Browse](#)

Security Questions

First 5 Letters of Surname: Year of Birth:

[Upload Data](#) [Cancel](#)

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Tips

- If a question doesn't apply to you, you must check the "Does Not Apply" box
- Answer fully and include as much detail as you can
- Be especially careful with the yes/no questions near the end – misrepresenting the facts can make you ineligible to receive a visa for life.

(e.g., JUAN MIGUEL)

Full Name in Native Alphabet

☒ Does Not Apply

If your passport does not include your name, please enter "FNU" in the box.

Monthly Salary in Local Currency (if employed)

☐ Does Not Apply

Briefly describe your duties:

Security and Background: Security Information

NOTE: Provide the following security and background information. Provide complete and accurate information to all questions that require an explanation. A visa may not be issued to persons who are within specific categories defined by law as inadmissible to the United States (except when a waiver is obtained in advance). Are any of the following applicable to you? While a YES answer does not automatically signify ineligibility for a visa, if you answer YES you may be required to personally appear before a consular officer.

Q: Do you seek to engage in espionage, sabotage, export control violations, or any other illegal activity while in the United States?

A: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Q: Do you seek to engage in terrorist activities while in the United States or have you ever engaged in terrorist activities?

A: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Q: Have you ever or do you intend to provide financial assistance or other support to terrorists or terrorist

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Step 5 – Reviewing Your Application

- You have an opportunity to review and edit all your answers before submitting your application
- Check carefully that everything is correct – it's impossible to make changes later

The screenshot shows the 'Nonimmigrant Visa Application' form at the U.S. Department of State Consular Electronic Application Center. The form is in the 'REVIEW' stage, as indicated by the red bar at the top. The left sidebar shows a navigation menu with 'Personal Address / Photo / Passport' selected, and 'Travel' highlighted. The main content area is titled 'Travel Information' and contains several sections for review:

- Principal Applicant?** YES
- Purpose of Your Trip to U.S.:** (Dropdown menu)
- Specific Travel Plan?** YES
- The Location you plan to visit in the U.S.:** 222 MAIN STREET, LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA
- Address where you will stay in the U.S.:** 222 MAIN STREET, LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA
- Person/Entity Paying for Your Trip:** SELF
- Other Persons Traveling with You:** YES
- Have you ever been in the U.S.?** YES
- Do you or did you hold a U.S. Driver's License?** NO
- Have you ever been issued a U.S. Visa?** YES
- Have you ever been refused a U.S. Visa, been refused admission to the United States, or withdrawn your application for admission at the point of entry?** NO

At the bottom, there are three buttons: 'Back: Personal Address', 'Save', and 'Next: U.S. Contact'.

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Step 6 – Submitting Your Application

- Once you submit your application, you can't change it
- Pressing “Sign and Submit Application” constitutes your electronic signature, certifying that all the answers on the application are true

The screenshot shows the 'Sign and Submit' page of the U.S. Department of State Consular Electronic Application Center (CEAC). The page is titled 'Nonimmigrant Visa Application' and 'Sign and Submit'. It includes a navigation bar with 'COMPLETE', 'PHOTO', 'REVIEW', and 'SIGN' tabs. The 'SIGN' tab is active. The page contains the following elements:

- U.S. DEPARTMENT of STATE** and **CONSULAR ELECTRONIC APPLICATION CENTER** header.
- Sign and Submit** section header.
- Instructions: "Read the following information carefully before dating, electronically signing and submitting the application."
- Text: "Your application is now ready to be submitted. Please note that this does not necessarily mean that your application for a nonimmigrant visa is complete, as additional information may be needed after Department of State personnel have reviewed the application."
- Text: "By clicking 'Sign and Submit Application' you are certifying that the information you provided is true and correct. You are required to electronically sign your application by regulation, 22 CFR 161.11."
- Question: "Did anyone assist you in filing out this application?" with radio buttons for "Yes" and "No".
- E-Signature** section with a certification statement: "I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct."
- Input fields for "Enter your passport number:" and "Enter the code as shown:".
- A CAPTCHA image showing the code "9FZX8".
- A button labeled "Sign and Submit Application".
- Footer navigation: "Back: REVIEW", "Save", and "Next: Confirmation".

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Step 7 – Printing Your Confirmation Page

- Print the confirmation page
- You only need to bring the printed confirmation sheet and your photo to the interview
- You can print the entire application for your own records if you wish
- You can e-mail the confirmation to someone else (e.g., if you are completing the application for another person)

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Confirmation

YOU MUST PRINT this confirmation page. The barcode **MUST** be clear and legible on the printed page. You may also print the entire application for your records. If you do not have access to a printer at this time, select the option to email your confirmation page to an email address.

YOU MUST SUBMIT this confirmation page and the following document(s) to the Consular post indicated below: Passport. You may also submit any additional documents you feel will support your case. **DO NOT** send the entire application.

If you have further questions, please go to <http://travel.state.gov>.

This confirms the submission of the Nonimmigrant visa application for:

	Name Provided:	TEST, TEST
	Nationality:	BRAZIL
	Passport Number:	TEST
	Completed On:	20 February 2008
	Confirmation No:	AA00000011

Location Selected:
US EMBASSY - SEOUL
233 TEST DR.
SEOUL, S. KOREA


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Step 7 – Printing Your Confirmation Letter (cont)

- This is what the confirmation page looks like if your photo was not uploaded
- Whether or not your photo uploaded correctly, you will need to bring a photo with you to the interview

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Language:

Confirmation

NOTE: The photo you have submitted with your visa application did not meet the quality standards specified in the instructions on photo submission for visa applicants. Please have new photos taken, specifically following the [photo guideline instructions on http://travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov).

YOU MUST BRING this confirmation page and the following document(s) with you at all steps during the application process:

Passport.

YOU MUST BRING this confirmation page and submit it with the NEW photo and your passport to your Embassy, Consulate, or International Organization to complete the application process. The barcode **MUST** be clear and legible on the printed page. You may also print the entire application for your records. If you do not have access to a printer at this time, select the option to email your confirmation page to an email address.

Please contact your Consular Post directly for information on how to continue the application process. Please note that you will be required to provide proof that you have paid the visa application fee. You may also provide any additional documents you feel will support your case. **DO NOT** submit the entire application.

Some posts have special procedures for applicants who may not need a visa interview; you may find information about that process on the Consular Post's website.

If you have further questions or to find out how to contact the Consular Post please go to <http://www.ustraveldocs.gov> or <http://travel.state.gov>.

This confirms the submission of the Nonimmigrant visa application for:

	Name Provided:	TEST, TEST
	Nationality:	BRAZIL
	Passport Number:	TEST
	Completed On:	3 June 2008
Confirmation No:		AA000004ES

Location Selected:
US EMBASSY - LONDON
666 TEST DR
LONDON, UK

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Reminder

The DS-160 replaces only the application forms. Other items are still required

- Students: I-20
- Exchange Visitors: DS-2019
- Diplomats and Officials: Diplomatic Note

And most applicants still need evidence of ties to their place of residence



The Future

- Integrated Appointment Scheduling
- Online Fee Payment
- DS-260 for Immigrants

